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Dear Harold:

Enclosed is a letter which Zapruder apparently dictated to his secretary after LaHaie called her yesterday. (LaHaie was supposed to have heard back from Zapruder, who he called last Friday, but hadn't, and he was getting worried about the long lapse of time since Judge Smith ordered him to join the Zapruder film copyright holder, even though he had been out of town for three weeks. He was also uncertain about how to go about joining LMH.)

In my judgment we ought to have Zapruder's agreement substantially modified before you sign it. I think it is unnecessarily, particularly in view of the fact that the copyright really no longer has any validity.

I think it would be desirable to have the agreement modified so you can transmit it to to photographic experts and, of course, the University of Wisconsin when you die.

You should also be able to exhibit the film to other scholars without the written consent of LMH.

For purposes of study, it also may be necessary, or at least highly desirable, for you to be able to make copies. For example, you may want to have frames duplicated or quadruplicated, as I recall you had Groden do for you.

There is no reason you should return the film to Zapruder, particularly since you are not getting a copy of his film, but of the FBI's (not the Archive's, as he seems to think).

Let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Jim